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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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A SUGGESTION

DEAR EDITOR: Perhaps this is not new to some, but I found in using a bed pan under a heavy and helpless patient that it helped greatly, not only in placing, but in taking it away, to powder the leaf freely with talcum powder.

New Jersey.

F. A. M.

A QUESTION OF ETHICS

DEAR EDITOR: What is a nurse to do if she must choose between her loyalty to the physician in charge of a case or her conscientious duty toward her patient and the family as, for instance, in taking all necessary precautions in a case of typhoid fever, when the physician has not diagnosed it as such? It seem to me that a nurse is taking a great deal upon her shoulders to stand up and say she must leave the case, as she cannot carry out the doctor's orders.

Illinois.

M. B.

A HOME-MADE REMEDY

DEAR EDITOR: So often have I been helped by suggestions from other nurses through the JOURNAL, that I want to offer my little aid which may be helpful to others.

When the bowels are distended with flatus, or are paralyzed after an operation or other serious illness, try the old-fashioned remedy of milk and molasses, proportions, half and half, or one cup of each. Warm the milk, do not boil, then pour the molasses into it and stir until they are well mixed. Inject into the bowel with a high rectal tube.

I tried this when everything else had failed to dislodge the flatus and it acted like a charm. This can be repeated often, as it is soothing to the intestines, and the patient may derive some nourishment from it.

Minnesota.

R. DE H.

(This was a well-known remedy fifty years ago. It is, of course, understood that such treatment would not be given, if a physician is in charge of a case, without his approval.—ED.)

PROTECTION TO THE NURSE IN OUT-DOOR CASES

DEAR EDITOR: I am writing this in reply to the letter in the February JOURNAL, signed "Registrar," hoping she may obtain some helpful hints as to the health of the nurse in out-door work.

Last winter I was called on a case of primary anemia, and was delighted to learn that my patient was in the sun room, with windows open continually. At the end of six weeks I was no longer needed and, not having lost much sleep, I